

REMARKS

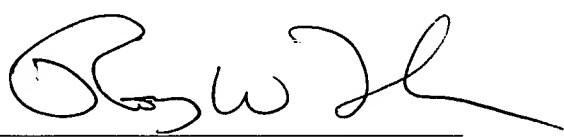
In a final office action dated March 5, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6 and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Bosshart (US Patent 6,049,231). Claims 7-16 were allowed.

Applicants have cancelled rejected claims 1-6 and 17-21. The rejection thereof is now moot. The remaining claims have been allowed

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all claims. In addition, the Examiner is encouraged to contact applicant's attorney by telephone if there are outstanding issues left to be resolved to place this case in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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